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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**  
 Tadashi SAO et al. :  
 Serial No. 10/580,909 : Patent Art Unit: 3744  
 Filed: May 30, 2006 : Examiner: Mohammad M. Ali  
 For: BRANCHING PIPE JOINT AND AN AIR : **Confirmation No. 6843**  
 CONDITIONER PROVIDED THEREWITH :

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

<u>CLAIMS</u>				<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>		<u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u>	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 15	- 20	=	0	x 25 =	\$	x 50 =	\$
INDEP 2	- 3	=	0	x 105 =	\$	x 210 =	\$
[ ] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM				+ 185 =	\$	+ 370 =	\$
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the April 21, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 are pending, with claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.